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Applicants: Lee and Esquela Art Unit: 1646  
Application No.: 09/361,655 Examiner: P. Mertz  
Filed: July 27, 1999  
Title: METHODS OF DETECTING A LIVER DISORDER (Amended)

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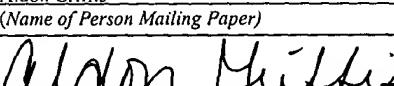
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## **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for taking further action of this application based on the Notice of Appeal filed July 20, 2001.

The requested extension is for Three (3) Months, extending the period for response from September 20, 2001 to December 20, 2001.

<b>CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.10</b>	
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Enclosed is Check No. 496796 in the amount of \$830.00; which consists of the fee for Three (3) Month Extension of Time (\$460.00) and filing fee (\$370.00). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of this Petition Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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